MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Is it being used for any work?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No, it is only experiments that are being conducted now.

Improvement of the road near the Nedunganda English High School.

92. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer given to question No. 60 on the 5th August 1927, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the estimate for the improvement of the road west of the S. N. V. English High School, Nedunganda, has been examined by the Chief Engineer; and

(*b*) when the work will be commenced?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The estimate has been sanctioned and the work will be commenced soon.

Milk Supply in Trivandrum.

93. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them to improve the milk supply in Trivandrum?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The question is being considered by a sub-committee of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum. It is reported that with a view to obtain a correct idea of the number and quality of milch cows in the town, the Agricultural Department is starting a cattle-census in the town, with the co-operation of the Municipality.

Public Tanks in Trivandrum.

94. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of public tanks in the Trivandrum town to which all classes of people without consideration of caste, creed or colour, have access?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Three.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer given will the Government be pleased to state the localities where these tanks are situated?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information is not available with me. I think the places referred to may be Vaniankulam, Manjalikulam and Brick-field tank.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is the member making a guess?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information on the question has not been specifically furnished.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether there is a latrine situated on the banks of the Vaniankulam which inconveniences the people who resort to the tank?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I raise a point of order. That was a question disallowed because it furnished information and did not seek information.

PRESIDENT: You may answer that question.

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MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It is reported that there is a urinal and not a latrine there.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) Am I to understand that there is no latrine there ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have answered the question.

Allowance to Manual Training Teachers.

95. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state why the personal allowance given to Manual Training teachers is converted into local allowance ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The allowance is given in consideration of the nature of the work for which the Manual Training teachers were specially qualified and it is payable only so long as they attended to that work. Under the Service Regulations, such an allowance has to be classed as local (duty) allowance. Its designation as personal allowance was incorrect.

Statement, by caste, re the appointments made by the Account Officer.

96. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the permanent and acting appointments made by the present Account Officer and Financial Secretary to Government from the time of his assuming charge to the end of Kanni 1103 ?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : The particulars required, as regards the clerical staff, are :

A. Substantive Appointments.

Malayala Brahmin 1 ; Nayar 1 ; Mahomedan 1 ; Reformed Syrian Christians 2 ; Jacobite Syrian Christian 1.

B. Officiating Appointments.

Brahmins 7 ; Nairs 7 ; Ezhavas 2 ; Mahomedan 1 ; Vellala (Nanjinad) 1 ; Nadar (Hindu) 1 ; Protestant Christians 2.

Appointments in the Account Office and the question of seniority.

97. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any established rule of seniority regarding persons who are appointed to act in vacancies in the Account Office and the Financial Secretariat ; and, if so, what is the rule ?

(*b*) Has the present Account Officer and Financial Secretary retained the services of any of the persons newly appointed by him and dispensed with the services of persons with longer acting service ?

(*c*) If the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the persons so retained and of the persons so relieved, stating the special reasons, if any ?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether preference is given, in the order of seniority or otherwise, to persons who have been acting in the Account Office or Financial Secretariat when persons are taken for comptometer work or training or for other purposes ?

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